

Senators debate bill to fund trip to Colorado

Campus religious group's request denied, SGA's Bylaws and Statutes amended

Danny Davis
senior staff writer

The Campus Crusade for Christ requested \$1,000 from the Allocations Committee to travel to Denver. They were approved for \$800 and the bill was presented at Thursday night's Student Senate meeting.

"It didn't deserve full funding since they will be worshipping Christ," said Griffin Page, page.

That comment started a backlash among some senators. George Weston, senator and graduate student, proposed an amendment to raise the allocated amount to \$1,000, matching the group's original request.

"I don't believe there should be a 20 percent cut for worship," Weston said. "I believe it's the committee's job to decide if it's educational or not, not how educational it is."

Michael Champlin then asked Weston how the group will be transferring their experience at the Denver Christmas Conference to the student body. At the conference, the group of 35 students will be engaged in learning social justice issues and will help serve underprivileged people in Denver.

Weston said this would be no different than a leadership conference; when the group members arrive back at K-State, they will reach out to people, living their faith.

Kyle Nuss, senator, said the committee was not trying to devalue the organization's mission, and said they spent an hour debating the bill.

Thomas Sidlinger, senator, said that Page misspoke. The issue was very contentious, he said, with the committee, as parts of the event are set up like a concert.

"We watched videos about the event to decide if this is something that can be brought back to the community," Sidlinger said. "It is much more of an entertaining type of event."

Ultimately, Sidlinger said it was a compromise, as many members did not want to fund the trip at all.

Emilee Taylor, senator, said she would hesitate to call it a

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SNOW DANCE



Matt Binter | Collegian

Dancers act out the "Giggles" performance at the 2010 WinterDance dress rehearsal Tuesday evening in Nichols Theatre.

Variety of majors perform in annual WinterDance

Program gives students chance to prepare for future

Pauline Kennedy
campus editor

The poetic movement of classical ballet mixed with the upbeat, high-energetic motions of tap dance and the intense, sharp movements of African dance, to bring the audience in Nichols Theatre a dose of the K-State dance program on Thursday night.

The theatre and dance department brought a little something for everyone Thursday as they presented this WinterDance 2010. The program featured a variety of dance genres including classical and contemporary ballet, modern, hip-hop and interpretive dance, as well as a traditional African piece and a tap ensemble.

The annual WinterDance program has been performed at K-State for decades, and Julie Pentz, director of the dance program, said the show features dancers from all study concentrations around campus. She said opening up the dance program to everyone is a great way for students to follow any career path while still being able to do what they enjoy.

"We have a lot of students that love, love, love dance, but they also love engineering. So, it's nice in a liberal arts institution to be able to offer that," she said. "We're dealing with dancers from a variety of majors, but if they consistently perform for us and take dance classes, perhaps they'll graduate and get a part time job teaching dance. Or, maybe they love to dance but they just don't want to make it their career and there's something about the arts that just fulfill."

Neil Dunn, instructor in the department of communication studies, theatre and dance, agreed and said there is a definite benefit from extra-curricular activities.

"I think it's good, it gives them a chance to do something they love that is not necessarily involved with their area of study. I did that in college, I think everyone should do that in college," he said. "I've had a lot of students that once they get involved in extra-curricular activities, they say they have a much more enjoyable time in college. It rounds it off, and the experience is here, why not take it cause when you get out of college you may not be able to dance or sing or do whatever else it is you do."

And for the students involved in the program, the classes, while daunting at times, are great preparation for the future.

"It's really challenging, and I

find it to be something that's really making me humble for when I do get out there in the real world because you're not going to have breaks, and they're not giving you any breaks here," said Tyrone Williams, junior in dance, business management and social economics.

One piece in particular that Williams was featured in was a modern, contemporary piece that involved poetry. Williams said he wrote his lyrics in the piece based on several things that had happened to him over the semester.

"It's basically a free form and we were trying to interpret what people go through on a day-to-day type basis," he said. "We were trying to interpret what people feel internally but they're either afraid or they just don't voice out openly to the public."

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Ornaments engraved with names give remembrance relic to families

Homecare and Hospice hosts annual fundraiser to honor deceased

Brittany Stevens
junior staff writer

A room called Remember: a peaceful place to go within oneself to visit those we have loved and lost, where all the other random thoughts of life fade, to remember both the good and the bad times — an abstract place Rev. Dr. Patty Brown-Burnett described Thursday night at the Homecare and Hospice Foundation's annual fundraiser — a "testament," she called, to remembering.

Individuals and families from Manhattan as well as members of the foundation's staff met for the Light of Life ceremony at the Manhattan Town Center's J.C. Penney Co. courtyard to dedicate four evergreen trees and to adorn them with commemorative ornaments.

The community members reminisced about their lost



Jennifer Heeke | Collegian

Karen Potts, Manhattan resident, hangs an ornament in memory of a deceased loved one during the Light of Life Homecare and Hospice Foundation benefit Thursday night at Manhattan Town Center.

loved ones while eating holiday cookies and listening to a violinist play Christmas songs. Later in the evening, the Light of Life committee read aloud the names inscribed on each

ornament, followed by a story, dedication and prayer by Brown-Burnett.

Those in attendance

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Manhattan residents combat yearlong breeze, lower temperatures

State battles winds due to air masses colliding, causing "dynamic" weather

Sam Diederich
senior staff writer

Brittani Littlejohn breathes deeply. This next moment might be the most difficult of her day. Bowing her head, she cringes as the howls and whistles of a relentless enemy bounce off the opposite side of the door in front of her. Savoring one last moment in her personal place of solace, she gathers her strength, places a protective mask across her face, and then rushes into battle against an enemy force that refuses to yield, the wind.

"I hate the wind," said Littlejohn, freshman in life sciences. "It chaps my lips and just makes me feel cold and miserable. I have to bundle up with a hat and scarf just to get to class."

Littlejohn is not alone in her never-ending battle against nature's breath. Due to the geographic location of the city, all



Lisle Alderton | Collegian

The tallgrass-laden hills of the Konza Prairie rustle in the late fall wind.

residents of Manhattan must brave the breezes.

"In Kansas, we are blessed with being at a location where air masses with very different densities collide," said Keith Miller, assistant professor of geology. "It is the collision of these different air masses that give us our very dynamic and sometimes severe weather."

Wind, Miller said, is simply created by air flowing from areas of high pressure to areas of

low pressure. High atmospheric pressure is the result of heavy air lacking in moisture, while low pressure is a creation of warmer air containing more moisture. The greater the difference in air pressure, the stronger the winds, and because Manhattan is stuck at the geographical middle point of a tug-of-war between two pressure fronts, winds in the city can often be

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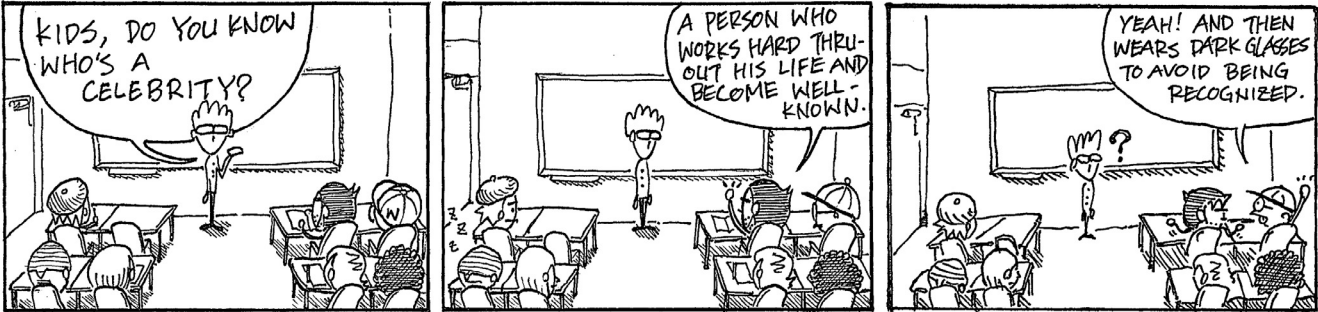
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Yesterday's answer 12-3

Sticky Vicky

By Aman Srivastava and Yosuke Michishita



POLICE REPORTS

WEDNESDAY

Breann Marie Fry, of St. George, Kan., was booked for habitual violation and driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Donnie Marcell Hill, of the 700 block of Allen Road, was booked for burglary, making false writing, two counts of theft and criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Leland Paul Jacques, of Moore Hall, was booked for unlawful possession of hallucinogens and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$750.

Makayla Bre Aun Lyons, of the 1100 block of Kearney Street, was booked for probation violation.

Bond was set at \$1,500.

Marcus Elton Michael, of Gardner, Kan., was booked for duty of the driver to give notice of an accident. No bond was listed.

Lexie Dawn Penn, of the 200 block of Boyd Hall, was booked for unlawful possession of hal-lucinogens and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$1,500.

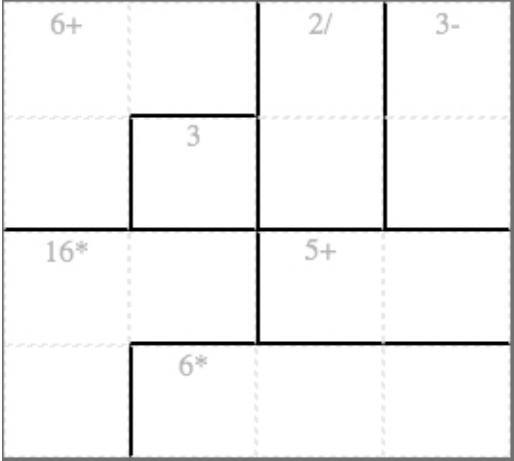
Melanie Eileen Ramsey, of the 1300 block of Pillsbury Drive, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

THURSDAY

Tyler Joseph Bergkamp, of Clifton, Kan., was booked for driving with a canceled, sus-pended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

KenKen | Medium

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COPS BLOTTER

ARREST REPORTS

Austin Enns
senior staff writer

EMS transports injured woman

Emergency Medical Services transported a local woman for injuries that occurred in a ve-hicle collision, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department.

Capt. Kurt Moldrup of the RCPD, said that at about 8:20 p.m. Wednesday, a 2005 Pontiac Vibe driven by Candace Thuma, 20, of the 2400 block of Rebecca Road, was headed south on Sunset Avenue. While turning east on Poyntz Avenue, Thuma pulled in front of a car west-bound on Poyntz.

Chastity Paige, 34, of the 2900 block of Ivy Drive, was the driver of the 2000 Toyota Corolla that collided with Thuma's vehicle. EMS also transported a pas-senger in Thuma's car, Amanda Silva, 30, also of the 2400 block of Rebecca Road. Silva was taken to Mercy Regional Health Center for lower back pain and leg pain, according to the report.

Police cited Thuma for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

Local woman reports rape

A local woman reported a rape to police, according to an RCPD report.

The 20 year-old woman re-ported being raped on Oct. 30 in south central Manhattan, ac-cording to the police report. The woman suffered no injuries. The woman knew the man, who is in his late 20s, according to the report.

Local man's bond set at \$10K

Police arrested a local man on suspicion of committing two burglaries, according to another report from the RCPD.

Donnie Hill, 37, of the 700 block of Allen Road, was arrest-ed at about 3 p.m. Wednesday on suspicion of committing two burglaries, according to a police report.

One of the burglaries report-edly occurred at a residence in the 600 block of Moro Street on Oct. 1, and the other reportedly occurred in the 5200 block of Tuttle Creek Boulevard at Bob's Plumbing and Heating on Nov. 23.

Hill's bond was set at \$10,000.

Local business burglarized

A local business reported a burglary, according to police.

Waters True Value Hardware, 338 Seth Child Road, reported that the window on a door to an interior office was broken with a tool, and the safe located in the office showed signs of an at-tempted entry, according to the report.

There were no signs of forced entry to the outside of the building, and the attempt to break into the safe failed, but the money was missing from the office, according to the report. The incident reportedly occurred sometime between Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

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Fraternity to hold 12th annual pageant

Miss Black and Gold to showcase talents, elegance of contestants

Pauline Kennedy
campus editor

Ten pageant contestants are set to take the stage in Forum Hall this Saturday at 7 p.m. The K-State students, who have prepared since September, will vie for the title in the 12th annual Miss Black and Gold Pageant.

The event will be held by members of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

"Historically, this pageant has been to showcase and display the talent, beauty, elegance and intelligence of multi-cultural women on K-State's campus," said Brandon Clark, adviser and state representative for the fraternity.

This year's theme, Midnight Masquerade, will be featured in the opening number of the pageant, and Clark said members of the audience could add to the fun and participate in the theme by wearing masquerade masks. The contestants will be featured in several categories throughout the night including career wear and personal introductions, talent, swimwear, evening wear and question and answer.

Judges for the competition



Collegian file photo

Members of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity serenade **Toni Owens**, winner of the 2008-2009 Miss Black and Gold Pageant, after Owens was crowned.

will not be members of the K-State chapter; rather they will be fraternity brothers from the University of Kansas and Wichita State University chapters, as well as alumni chapters.

Clark said the winner of the competition will advance to the Miss Black and Gold state pageant, which leads to the re-

gional and national pageants. This year's state pageant will be held at K-State in March.

The night will be a special occasion for the fraternity. Along with the pageant, the evening also marks the 104th anniversary for the founding of Alpha Phi Alpha.

"We're expecting a very good crowd; it should be fun

and exciting for everyone," Clark said. "We'll make sure it's entertaining."

Tickets for the pageant will be available at the door for \$12, but Clark said there is a chance they may sell out of tickets by the time doors open. For early ticket information, contact Clark at 785-341-7120 or by e-mail at bclark@ksu.edu.

Bell ringers brave weather to collect for cause

Money collected in red kettles donated to people in need during holidays

Daniel Stewart
staff writer

Around late November and for the duration of December, shoppers hear the ringing of bells in front of grocery stores such as Walmart and Dillons. The ringing is a symbol of the holidays as Salvation Army employees and volunteers, usually clad in red aprons or Santa costumes, collect money to help those less fortunate and prepare for a new year of generosity.

Bell ringers sit or stand outside of major stores morning to evening no matter what the weather with a red collection kettle beside them. They seldom speak except for a greeting or maybe just a friendly wave. George Butler, a Salvation Army employee, said the bell ringers allow the holiday spirits or generosity to attract people toward the red bucket instead of calling out to them to donate.

"I enjoy seeing people contribute," Butler said. "People are quite generous around this time of year and around places like (Walmart) as they walk out. People aren't hurting in Manhattan either. Maybe it is a sign things are getting better in the world."

This is Butler's second year as a bell ringer and he said he likes to succeed in his endeavor so the Salvation Army succeeds

Willette Richardson, Manhattan resident, donates change to the Salvation Army while Mike Bermer, two-year bell ringer, watches the kettle.



Jennifer Heeke
Collegian

as well.

"I love the Salvation Army," Butler said. "I want to see them excel. Every state and every area I have ever been, the Salvation Army was there. They never turn people down. They help people with everything: bills, food, shelter, the disabled, everyone and everything."

Butler said he has always supported the Salvation Army because of its generosity and all-encompassing attitude. Around this time of the year, the community and the Salvation Army come together to truly make a difference, he said.

Salvation Army collected around \$200,000 last year, ac-

cording to MSNBC's website. This money goes toward everything from basic necessities to arranging for people to visit the elderly.

According to the Salvation Army website, the organization assisted 4,246,340 people last holiday season. Numbers like that compel Chris Jensen, Manhattan resident, to volunteer to be a bell ringer.

Jensen has a post outside of Dillons. She said there have been times when several hundred dollars accumulate in the red kettle by the end of a shift. She said it is simple for people to contribute.

"People with hands full of

change after shopping can just dump it in here," Jensen said. "It all adds up; 20 people drop just a nickel in here and that is already \$1. And before you know it, we have enough money to buy Christmas dinners and other things for the needy."

Jensen and Butler both said people usually quit ringing bells sooner rather than later because of the frigid winter conditions that come with the job, so the Salvation Army is constantly looking for more help.

To volunteer or apply for paid positions call 785-341-0751 and to donate call 1-800-SAL-ARMY or drop change in the red kettle at a local grocery store.

K-State Crops Team wins national title two years straight

Steve Watson
K-State Research and Extension

The K-State Crops Team has captured the title of national champion for the second year in a row. K-State has won the National Crops Championship in nine of the past 12 years.

The team won both the Kansas City Board of Trade and Chicago CME Group Collegiate Crops contests to secure the 2010 national championship. The team placed first in Kansas City as well as Chicago in the plant and seed identification and grain grading components of the contest. They were second in Chicago and third in Kansas City in the seed analysis component. The Kansas City and Chicago contests took place Nov. 16 and 20, respectively.

In these contests, participants are required to identify 200 different plant or seed samples of crops and weeds, grade eight samples of grain according to Federal Grain Inspection Service standards and analyze 10 seed samples to determine whether they contain impurities, and if so, what contaminants exist.

Students competing at both national contests included seniors Jason Unruh and Nathan Stensaas, and junior Ben Meyer. Also competing as alternates in Kansas City were juniors Scott Henry, Levi Larkins and Lauren Lang, and soph-

omore Jessica Zimmerman. All are agronomy majors at K-State.

Unruh placed first overall and first in both plant and seed identification at Chicago and grain grading and fourth is seed analysis. He made a perfect score in grain grading. In Kansas City, he placed third overall, third in plant and seed identification, fourth in grain grading, and sixth in seed analysis.

Meyer was second overall in both contests. In Chicago he placed first in seed analysis, second in plant and seed identification, and fifth in grain grading. In Kansas City, he was first in grain grading, second in plant and seed identification and fourth in seed analysis.

Nathan Stensaas was the fifth-place individual overall in Chicago and sixth in Kansas City. In Chicago, he placed second in grain grading and third in plant and seed identification. He placed second in grain grading and sixth in plant and seed identification at Kansas City.

The team was coached by Kevin Donnelly, professor of agronomy. Kelly Yunghans, senior in agronomy was the assistant coach.

For its performance, K-State received a team scholarship award from contest sponsors at Kansas City, and CME Group provided scholarships to the individual student winners at Chicago.

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SOPHOMORE, CONSTRUCTION SCIENCE

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Lexi Mische
FRESHMAN, LIFE SCIENCES

"Laptops for all the students."



Colin Williams
SENIOR, MATHEMATICS

"A mass transit system."



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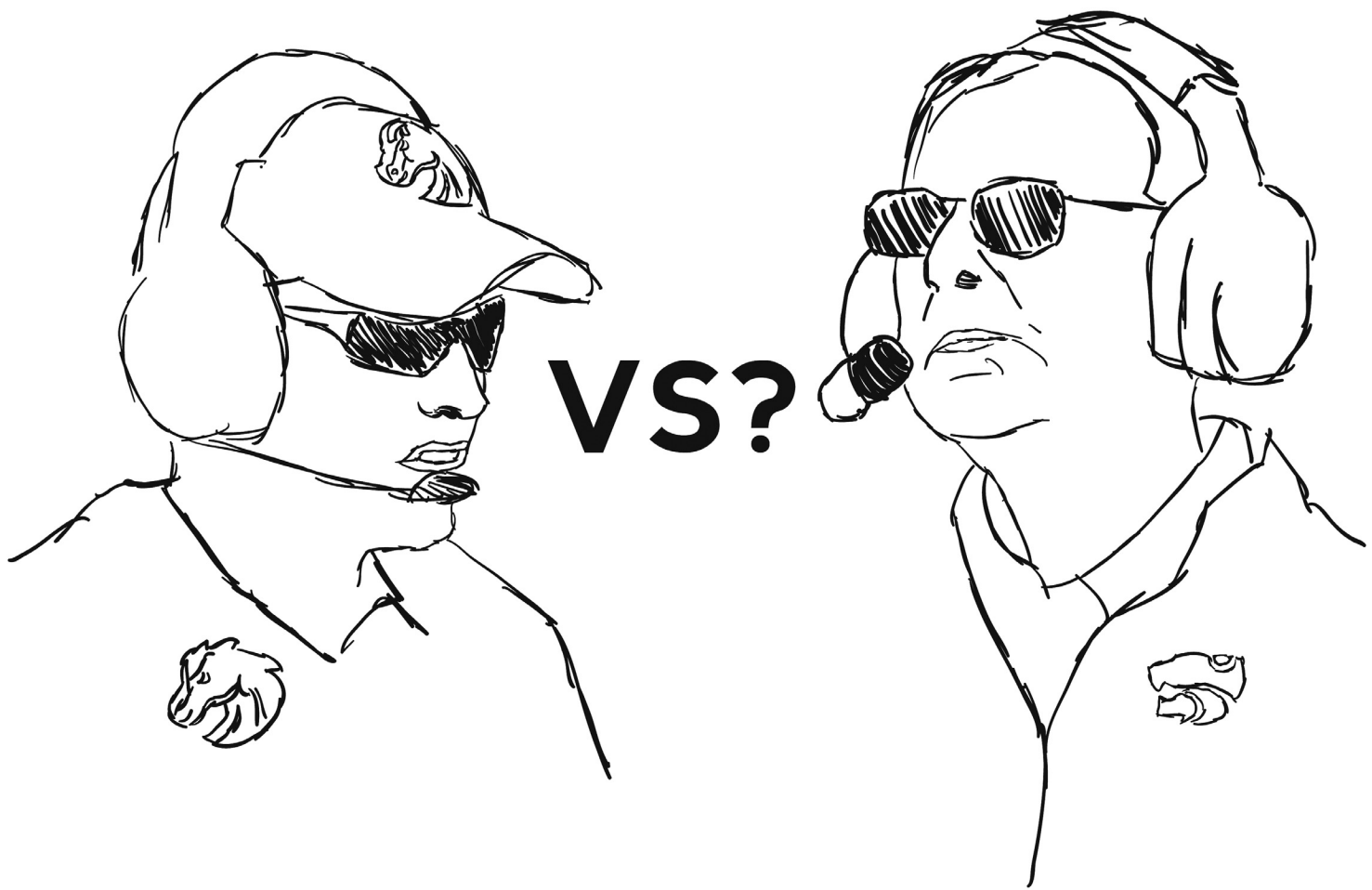


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Addition of Boise State would help Big 12 North



Daniel Stewart

This summer was absolute chaos. Fire and brimstone were crashing down on my world. The Big 12 Conference was breaking up and there was nothing I could do except sit back and cry myself to sleep. K-State was to be abandoned, and there was nothing more but to accept our fate and eventually succumb to the Mountain West Conference or the Mid-American Conference. But alas, all we had to do was rid ourselves of a virtually worthless school and an obnoxious powerhouse and we ended up sticking together like the Brady Bunch.

I won't forget last summer; I saw a T-shirt in Thread when I was coming home from work one day that was purple, had an outline of a Powercat and read, "Single school out in the middle of nowhere looking for major conference. Is unique and loves sports," or something along those lines. It

made me laugh. I've been thinking about that shirt lately, especially since the topic at power hours usually turns to which school would be a good fit for the conference. The usual answers are Arkansas and TCU. Well, luring Arkansas from the best football conference on heaven and earth, or so CBS says, would be rather difficult. TCU is like an obese man who has just been given permission to push all of the little kids out of the way at a buffet line now that they joined the Big East, so TCU might be satisfied with where it is.

But one little school in the middle of nowhere, which is very unique and loves football, remains unmentioned in most conversations. I am talking about my beloved Broncos of Boise State. Boise State and the Big 12 were meant for each other like a fraternity gentleman and a fresh pair of Sperry's.

Just think about it. The Big 12 might as well be called the Big South. Out of its 14-year existence, a North team has only won the championship four times. Two of those four times the winner was Nebraska, which has so graciously left our presence. Another time Colorado sneaked an upset over

Texas and now is gone into the Pac-12. The one other time, well, you know the story. Regardless, 10 out of 14 is a monopoly of Big 12 Championships. The Big 12 North needs some pizzazz and Boise State would be an excellent addition that would keep our side of the conference from becoming stagnant.

The focal point here is to keep the Big 12 and it needs to be done one step at a time. Two teams will need to be acquired, but that first step should be offering those boys in blue a bid.

This would work for both ends. The Big 12 needs another solid school. Boise State is the most storied small school in the history of Non-Automatic Qualifying BCS schools. They have the highest win percentage in the nation in the past decade. Its play is unorthodox and physical.

In 2002, they met Iowa State in the Humanitarian Bowl and crushed them. In 2007, they entered the most pure David vs. Goliath match up I have ever seen against a national-championship-caliber Oklahoma team armed with Adrian Peterson in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. It was better than Vince Young vs. USC, better than any Stanford band geek get-

ting tackled in the end zone — it was better than anything. Now, imagine if we could have that every year.

The equation is simple: Boise State needs the Big 12 for legitimacy and the Big 12 needs Boise State to remain diverse and strong. Could you imagine the match ups if they had been here this year? Chris Peterson, the up-and-coming mastermind vs. head coach Bill Snyder, The Mastermind. We could have had Robert Blake Griffin III vs. Kellen Moore and, of course, the Boise State Broncos rematch with the "Boomer Sooner"-hollering boys of Oklahoma would have been Pay-Per-View material.

Is it a stretch for a team in Idaho to play a team in Missouri on Saturdays? I don't think so. Is it a stretch for a team in Texas to play a team in northern California like they proposed over the summer? Doesn't seem so far-fetched anymore, does it? What K-State fan wouldn't want to road trip at least once to see that goofy blue turf one time before it is gone forever? Dan Beebe, get on the phone — we need Boise State.

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'Slumdog Millionaire' composer brings out music in everything



Balasubramany Meenakshisundaram

A. S. Dileep Kumar, or known worldwide as Allah Rakha Rahman, following his embracing of the Islamic faith, is in my opinion the most versatile musical composer India has ever produced. This man is the winner of so many awards and accolades that to list them here would take up the entire column. His reach is so diverse that he has won all major awards starting from the respective state awards in India to four National Awards and culminating in a double Oscar win in 2009 for his work in the hit movie "Slumdog Millionaire."

India has always had a great legacy of astounding musical talent over the decades, such as Mohammad Rafi and Pandit Ravishankar. That legacy has now attained a whole new dimension with the inclusion of the name A. R. Rahman to that list of great musicians.

He was born into a musically rich family, with a father who played the keys for popular musicians of his time and later getting a degree in music from the famous Trinity College in London. Rahman's career in music was probably decided long before he was born. He entered the Indian movie foray as a composer in the 1990s and has reigned supreme ever since. But this is not a biography of this great composer. Instead, I would like to try to bring out the aspects of this man that sets him apart from the rest and also helps him make continued strides in his career and growth.

A man of very few words, there is nothing flashy about Rahman except his music. He brings out the music in everything around him to the ears of his listeners. He has definitely succeeded in doing that. Rahman's musical work is a collage of so many different and intricate sounds that you would need to play with the equalizer quite a bit to be able to discern all the different sounds incorporated into the tune. All those sounds together bring magic to your ears.

Rahman has been instrumental in popularizing many of the lesser known, yet more melodious and unique sounding instruments, like the sarangi and the santoor, both string instruments. He also fused Indian classical music in the right proportions with Western music and made it totally presentable to audiences without any ambiguity.

Rahman is also an ardent fan of technology, and his

studio in Chennai, called the Panchatan Record-Inn and AM Studios, is said to be one of the most advanced sound studios in India. He has never hesitated to experiment with technology in his works to bring out different sounds and also pioneer new technologies in the Indian music arena. One of his latest electronic additions is an instrument called the Fingerboard, which can accurately synthesize the sounds of Indian classical musical instruments.

It is probably true that all great men are humble souls. Rahman stands testimony to that line, too. Proof of this is in Rahman's speech at the Oscars last year, after winning two Academy Awards in one night, a first for an Indian. Rahman begins his speech quoting words from his mother: "Ella pugazhum iravanukkae," which means, "All glory is to the Lord."

Rahman is an extremely religious man and a phi-

lanthropist. He does a lot of charity work and has recently also opened a school of music in Chennai where people can learn music on any kind of instrument. This is his effort in nurturing the talent of the present day youth of India.

I believe that glory goes after a man who does not go after it. Rahman seems to have always striven to make better music but never to receive awards. Naturally, all the awards and accolades found a way to him, but nothing seems to get to the head of one of Time's 100 most influential people in the world of 2009.

What sets this man apart is his creativity and passion for his work, his modesty, and his complete surrender to the Supreme.

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Wildcats attempt to go 7-0 against No. 18 Iowa

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After a quick one-game home stand, the K-State women's basketball team will turn around and travel to Iowa to take on the No. 18 Hawkeyes Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Wildcats are currently undefeated on the season, with a record of 6-0, their best start since 2008. The team won its previous match up 56-46 on the road at the College of Charleston last weekend.

K-State sophomore guard Brittany Chambers is leading the team in points per game with an average of 17.3. She has scored in double figures each game and has led the team in four games this season.

Chambers is not the only player to whom the Wildcats can turn. All of the starters have stepped up at various times and carried the team in one way or another. Junior forward Jalana Childs is second on the team with 11 points per game. Junior forward Branshea Brown leads in rebounds per game and blocked shots. Sophomore guard Mariah White is currently in first place in assists and steals. Sophomore guard Taelor Karr has posted solid numbers all around, leading the team in free throw percentage and coming in second in assists.

However, the Hawkeyes pose a challenge for the Wildcats. Entering the game, the Hawkeyes are also undefeated and are ranked in both major women's basketball polls. The team also has five players who are currently averaging

double figures in scoring on the season.

The Wildcats have already defeated a ranked team this season, winning 64-53 against then-No. 14 St. John's in the championship game of the Commerce Bank Wildcat Classic. This time, the Wildcats will have to find a way to win over a ranked opponent in its own arena.

"I think this game is right there with St. John's," Chambers said. "Since it is away, it's going to be a really great test for us. Iowa is a great team; they play really hard. I think we are ready for it though. We haven't played our best basketball, so hopefully we can pull everything together."

The key for the Wildcats in this game might just be how the game gets started. Lately, the team has struggled in the first half and found its stride in the second half to put away the game. In the team's last game against South Dakota State, K-State trailed at the half for the first time all season and squeaked out a 56-51 win.

"The last couple games, we haven't started well," Chambers said. "We slowly had to make it to a point where we want it. We need to play 40 minutes instead of 20."

A win over Iowa would likely propel the Wildcats into the top 25 for the first time all season.

"That's always the goal," Chambers said. "Right now, we aren't worried about rankings; we're more worried about ourselves. But if we play our basketball, we definitely will come out with a win. If that gets us into the top 25, then great."



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Sophomore guard **Mariah White** drives the lane during the first half of K-State's game against South Dakota State in Bramlage Coliseum on Tuesday. The Wildcats defeated the Jackrabbits, 56-51.

BCS works in favor of K-State this season



Ashley Dunkak

It's that time of year again: Thanksgiving has passed, Christmas music is on the radio... and we're once again lamenting how much better college football would be with a playoff. Sports Illustrated came out with its annual cries against the Bowl Championship Series, accompanied by yet another proposal of an alternate system.

I've always liked the idea of a playoff, simply because I love the playoffs in the NFL. But while I'm not completely ready to forsake my disdain of the BCS, this year I don't mind as much.

The majority of this new understanding stems from the position of K-State this season. Depending on what kind of playoff system could be adopted for college football, K-State — being outside the top 25 — probably would not make it into the postseason this year.

What is awesome about bowls is that a plethora of teams have a chance to travel to a big-deal type of game and end the season with a win — without having to be the very best in the country.

On the other hand, the bowl system doesn't provide a clear national champion. Computers do the rankings, and strength of schedule isn't awarded enough weight. "Bona fide" never applies to the winner of the national title bowl because no team played more than one good team (in the postseason) to prove itself — unlike, say, March Madness, where a team has to defeat multiple talented, gritty teams to even get to the national championship game.

Another thing about bowls: they only add one game to a team's schedule. Most likely, a playoff would include more than one additional game for teams that advance further and further. While I think the bowl games should be played closer to the end of the season instead of waiting until a month after teams' last regular season game, I realize fewer games mean less wear and tear on players.

Obviously, bowl games are gratifying for fans. It's a new destination, a distinction for the program, and a time when the team is in a national spotlight. There's the "experience" factor. Especially since K-State is up for possibly playing in the Pinstripe Bowl in Yankee's Stadium, that is pretty cool.

Then, last but certainly not least, is the little matter of revenue for schools. While it is a lot of money, the bowls themselves keep a lot of it, so that point might be negligible.

Since March Madness is such a huge success, and arguments for a college football playoff (which is done by other divisions of college football, just not I-A) have been so widespread, I would be willing to bet universities could make much more money off that than from the bowls.

The bowl system has oodles of issues, but for this year, with the Wildcats having an opportunity to travel to New York, Texas, or even California for one more football game, I'm not complaining.

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K-State to take on Cougars

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After a pair of victories, the men's basketball team has started to find a rhythm and will travel to Pullman, Wash., today to take on the Washington State Cougars as part of the Big 12 Conference/Pac 10 Hardwood Challenge. It will be the team's first true road game as it looks to go 7-1 on the season.

Washington State is a perfect 5-0 so far and has three projected starters who are averaging double figures. Junior guard Klay Thompson averages 22.2 points per game, while junior guard Faisal Aden averages 21 points per game and sophomore forward Brock Motum adds 10 points per game.

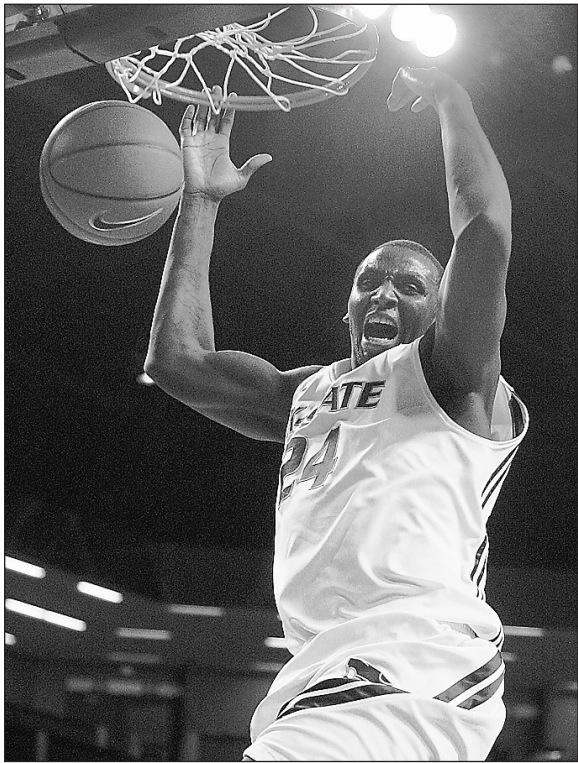
K-State head coach Frank Martin said the Cougars have improved this season.

"They're more deep this season and they have a clear understanding of how to play," Martin said. "Aden can really score and they've grown, as last season they were a young team."

Currently K-State is near last in the nation in terms of efficiency at the foul line, converting only 53 percent of the time. Martin said the shooting from the line has been good in practice but that it is all mental.

"We aren't as disciplined mentally and we need to focus on the next shot," Martin said. "We are usually around 72 percent in practice and if we can train ourselves to do better on it in practice hopefully it can transfer over to the games."

K-State is led by senior guard Jacob Pullen, who is averaging 16 points per game



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Senior forward **Curtis Kelly** dunks the ball during the second half against Emporia State in Bramlage Coliseum on Monday night. K-State defeated the Hornets 85-61.

after accumulating a season-high 26 points against Emporia State on Monday.

This will be the sixth meeting between K-State and Washington State, with the Wildcats holding the advantage 3-2. The most recent victory came last year when K-State defeated the Cougars 86-69 in Bramlage Coliseum.

This year, Washington State has owned its opponents, creating an average separation of 26 points per game, while K-State has recorded an average 13-point margin over its foes so far.

Pullen said Washington State has talent and the Wildcats will look to exploit any weaknesses they can find in Thompson and the Cougars.

"We want to get Thompson out of his comfort zone," Pullen said. "Last year we were able to do that, and we want to keep their team more uncomfortable. We have to try and get them to use their death wish, which they might not be able to excel in."

The game will be televised on FOX Sports Net, and tipoff is scheduled for 10 p.m.

Wide receiver emerges in teammates' absences

Justin Nutter
gameday editor

Since the start of the 2010 football season, the K-State receiving corps has undergone a bit of a face-lift, to say the least.

Brodrick Smith, a transfer from Minnesota who emerged right away as the team's top receiving threat, was lost for the season after suffering a broken leg against Nebraska on Oct. 7. Tramaine Thompson stepped up in Smith's absence, but the injury bug struck once again. Thompson was carted off the field with a leg injury of his own at Baylor on Oct. 23 and has not seen the field since.

Just like that, the once celebrated unit was without two of its top threats and, once again, searching for an identity.

But, rather than waving the white flag after watching their teammates go down, a handful of Wildcats have taken full advantage of the opportunity. One player who has answered the call of duty is Adrian Hilburn.

Hilburn, a Texas native, said he has had to deal with injuries in the past, and he is trying to use his experiences to help his fallen comrades.

"I've had an injury myself and I know how it is," Hilburn said. "I try to encourage them to fight through it. It's a give-and-take kind of situation. I try to encourage them and I try to do my part to contribute to the team."

To see what Hilburn's contributions have included, take a quick look at the stat sheet. In the first seven games of the season, the senior caught just eight passes for 49 yards and failed to reach the end zone. Since the Wildcats took on Oklahoma State on Oct. 30 — K-State's first action after losing

Thompson — he has hauled in 15 passes for 166 yards and a touchdown. After spending the first half of the season as little more than a fallback option, he has emerged into the team's third leading receiving target.

What Hilburn has done on the field speaks for itself, but what exactly has he done to aid in his teammates' recovery? After missing all but three games of the 2008 season with a torn ACL, Hilburn said he understands the pain of having to watch from the sideline, but he added he has tried to use his own recovery as motivation for Smith and Thompson.

"I told them it's going to be hard," he said. "I know it's hard when you're playing so much and then you get it all taken away from you. I told them to stay strong. It's going to be tough at first, but ultimately, it's going to make you a stronger person. The more adversity you go through, the stronger you will be."

As the Wildcats continue preparation for their first bowl game since 2006, Hilburn continues to work with the same mindset he has had since he arrived in Manhattan three years ago. His personal statistics may have increased in recent weeks, but as long as K-State comes home with a win, he could not care less about his own numbers.

"A couple games like Texas, we didn't throw a ball to receiver and we ended up winning," he said. "A win feels way better than getting a ball thrown your way. Even though it's senior day and you wish to have a ball, we won the game. That's all that really matters."

K-State's postseason destination will be announced on Sunday following the Big 12 Championship, which will be played the day before.

K-State Volleyball team looks to improve next season with returning players

Sam Nearhood
staff writer

This season was certainly less than ideal for the K-State volleyball team, but it did see some promise for improvement in the next.

"I certainly don't feel like we met our internal expectations, and that's the most important thing," said head coach Suzie Fritz. "But I don't think of that as taking a step backward."

Even though her team did not improve this season from the last, Fritz said it did get better in just this year.

"Every time we went to play an opponent the second time, we were better," Fritz said. "It

was very rewarding for us to be able to win our last two, because I think that showed that they didn't check out on us."

She added that attacking was first on her team's list of things to work on. "We have to kill more balls," Fritz said. "That's the number one thing."

Looking forward to the next season, here are some of the players to keep your eye on.

Junior middle blocker Alex Muff — Muff remains the dominant blocking force on the team. With 1.31 blocks per game, she is second in the Big 12 Conference and 22nd in the nation. If Muff could bolster her attacking, then she would

be a lethal weapon and most likely emerge as the top athlete in her position.

"Alex does things at the net that we've never had a middle blocker do," Fritz said.

Junior opposite hitter Kathleen Ludwig — This Shawnee, Kan., native will most likely come back next season as the main leader for one reason: her infectious personality. Whether she is dancing court-side before a match or hyping up her team in practice with unconditional acceptance, Ludwig knows how to motivate for success. Plus, her hits are consistent, which helps to move her team up at a steady and reliable rate.

Junior setter Caitlyn Donahue — In a new position this year, Donahue has had perhaps the biggest challenge of anyone on the team, but she has done remarkably well. The coaches put her there for a reason, and they were certainly not wrong. With her ability to get to shanked balls and make rapid-fire decisions, Donahue definitely helps her team as a setter and has secured her position for some time to come.

Sophomore middle blocker Kaitlynn Pelger — Last week, Pelger was named Rookie of the Week for her recording-breaking performances in the final matches and this week

as a member of the Big 12 All-Freshman Team. She is the first freshman at K-State to post triple digits in three categories, with 328 kills, 100 blocks and 134 digs. All statistics from Pelger portend a huge career, maybe even one for the record books.

"She'll make significant improvements over the next three years and be a much different player by the time she's done," Fritz said. "Maybe one of the best we've had in that position."

Sophomore defensive specialist Tristan McCarty — Filling one of the two vacated spots in the back row, McCarty paired superbly with

Mathewson and showed incredible talent in her position. Next season, with the record-setting libero graduating this year, McCarty will probably move up the ranks and take on a larger role for the defense, just like Mathewson did. And, if this season is any indication, McCarty's career will follow closely to Mathewson's, which will be huge for the Wildcats.

Sophomore outside hitter Lilla Porubek — We have not seen a great deal of play from this Hungarian, but she always seems to take the court and make a huge impact in a short amount of time. Porubek is certainly on the watch-list for the upcoming seasons.



SURF'S UP



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Couch surfing is a cheaper option than paying for a hotel. Interested travelers can use websites like couchsurfing.org to match themselves with a host.

Couch surfing offers free accommodations, creates friendships

Lisa Barry
staff writer

Couches and surfing used to have nothing in common at all. Now these are precisely the two words that become the commonalities between people across the globe.

Couch surfing is a term referring to a traveler who finds accommodations on the couch of a person who resides in the place the traveler is visiting. This is not a process in which a hitchhiker with a backpack goes knocking on doors until he or she finds someone with an available couch and a willingness to let a stranger stay. Instead, this is a process in which hosts and travelers alike develop in-depth profiles through websites like couchsurfing.org and match themselves with a host or traveler that seems to be a good fit.

The purpose of couch surfing is not only to take advantage of a free place to stay, but also to meet people who are familiar with the area in which the traveler is in order

to make the traveling experience better.

One benefit of hosting is to meet people who are traveling in the area, make his or her experience better than it would be if he or she were paying for a hotel and to make a friend.

"For me, I couch surf when I don't have other friends or family to stay with," said Brian Chernoff, a couch surfer who passed through Manhattan last night on his way to Ohio. "Couch surfing is a great resource for a cheap place to stay and a great way to make new friends."

Kelsey O'Hara, junior in electrical engineering, has couch surfed in Venice, Milan, Rome, Florence and Munich.

O'Hara was couch surfing in Munich when the volcano in Iceland erupted last March.

All of the prices at hostels went up significantly, and O'Hara said she was glad that she and her friends were couch surfing instead of paying hostel prices.

On each profile, the couch surf-

ing member has the opportunity to write about their interests, travel experiences and proficiency in languages. Also on the profile is a space for other people who have either visited or hosted the surfer to write positive or negative references about the surfer. Even though addresses are not shared through the website, there is an option to verify your address with the couch surfing organization, which also allows for more credibility for the surfer.

"It's an experience you shouldn't take lightly because they are accommodating you; you should do everything you can to accommodate them as well," said John Bacon, K-State alumnus and active member of the couch-surfing community in Manhattan. "There are a lot of safety procedures that are available," Bacon said. "Females traveling alone should choose their host appropriately."

"I know a lot of people think of the movie 'Taken' when they couch surf, but if you do it smart and actually look into it, then it's really not

that dangerous," O'Hara said.

"Using couch surfing is like using any other new technology for the first time," Chernoff said. "I would advise using it no differently than something else like Facebook, YouTube or [Craigslist.com](http://craigslist.com). In other words, be smart, ask lots of questions, and err on the side of caution."

One of Chernoff's experiences with couch surfing combines the positives of a free place to stay with the opportunity to meet people from around the world and experience things that he would not have otherwise had the chance to experience.

Chernoff stayed in Los Angeles with an Eastern European woman who was living in LA at the time.

"When I got there, I found out she was hosting another guy from Belgium. She was also hosting a girl from Germany that lived in Spain who was on vacation from her job training horses," Chernoff said. "We went to the beach one day where we met a girl from Sweden who worked in London. The girl from Germany

was dating a guy from Egypt who was a professional body builder."

Despite the cultural diversity that Chernoff was exposed to by staying with one woman in LA, he sets apart one aspect of this experience as particularly meaningful.

"The most amazing of the whole group was the girl from Sweden who was a part-time model and a full-time aerialist in the London Royal circus," Chernoff said. "We were going to meet the Swedish girl on the beach. She texted us to cancel because she got invited to meet with Disney producers who wanted to make a movie about her life because the most amazing part is, she was completely deaf. We met her, and I had spent 3 months learning sign language. I knew just enough to translate her Swedish sign language to English so that the others could understand her."

To use his newly learned sign language in befriending the Swedish woman is something that Chernoff said he will always remember, all thanks to surfing a couch.

Hand shakes lost art



Tyler Brown

This column is to bring all of you a slightly different view on everyday occurrences that I, personally, have found awkward. I'm going to talk about a common social trend that's going the way of the dodo: the handshake.

Handshakes can be awkward to begin with. A personal bane of my existence has been if someone squeezes my hand too early in the shake. What the hell am I supposed to do then? It's such a feeling of helplessness, knowing that I can't rewind and redo that first impression.

As I've gotten older, I've noticed that handshakes are becoming less and less common in everyday life. Not to say I shake every one of my friends' hands when I see them; I just mean they're less common when meeting someone for the first time. I can recall multiple times when first meeting fellow students and the extension of my hand as a greeting is something wholly alien to them. Once at Radina's Coffeehouse & Roastery, I had met a lady-friend of a mutual friend and when I put my hand out, as was custom to me, she

simply looked up from her phone to say, "Hi," before being sucked back into the black hole that has become mobile social networking.

Within my perception of social norms, there remains another difficulty: those handshakes that remain just between friends. It's hard to put into words exactly what they are and, trust me, I've searched for the word. I'm talking about those where the handshake has anywhere from three to (possibly) 16 steps. What am I supposed to do with that? Should I just go into a handshake knowing it could become exponentially difficult? Should I come up with my own handshake equation, like: handshake plus grasp plus back of the hand slap plus thumb war equals a greeting? Along the lines of this is what is known as "pounding" and/or "bumping it." Does anyone else feel as awkward as I do when I'm expected to nonchalantly slow-punch someone else's hand?

All in all, the concept of the handshake is lost in this generation. Why make a physical connection with somebody you meet when you can simply add them on Facebook and "poke" them later? Let's class it up a bit you guys; let's take something that is now solely existent in the professional world and bring it back as a social norm.

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Social media may lead to creepy situations



Elena Buckner

In today's social-networking world of Twitter, Facebook, BlackBerry Messaging, Skype and more, being connected is almost a prerequisite of stepping outside or turning on a computer or cell phone. But how much connection is too much?

Facebook has long provided access for users to receive information about friends' status updates, messages and other notifications, and its new "Places" application makes it possible to announce to the world an exact location at any given moment of the day.

Advertisements are also becoming more "personalized." Hulu asks, "Is this ad relevant to you?" and Gmail targets words from subject and body text of e-mails to determine which advertisements to display alongside it. Companies can now hone in on its target customer, finding consumers at every turn and ensuring offers of something that relates directly to their lives — at least their virtual ones.

The lines between creative uses of modern technology and simple creepiness begin to blur, however, when finding

personal information becomes easier than we would perhaps like to admit. Google the name "Elena Buckner" and a variety of information comes up — I work for the Collegian (meaning I attend K-State), I have a public Picasa Web album (making it likely that I also use Gmail), I have a website linked to the Fall DED 318 website (mine is for that class, Educational Technology) and I "like" Prairie Star Ranch on Facebook. Go one step further and search me on K-State's website and a searcher now knows I am junior in education — modern languages working toward my bachelor's degree and knows my K-State e-mail address. By clicking on my website from DED318, a searcher could also find my high school and pictures of my family and closest friends (their names are not with the pictures, but that does not make it difficult to guess who they are). All that information is obtained without even making one move toward Facebook (where, due to my attention to the privacy settings, it's virtually impossible to find me without already having a connection with me).

I am well aware of the

information available about me on the Web and do my best to keep it as impersonal as possible, yet no amount of effort on my part would allow me to completely erase my cyber presence. Which means, no amount of effort makes

me completely stalker-proof. Creepy? Slightly.

What's creepier is websites like vacationrelation.com, a site claiming to be "the only website that truly allows you to socialize your vacation." The website uses member-entered information about upcoming vacations — when, where and who you're traveling with — to provide "the ability to communicate, interact and plan with others before you ever arrive." Basically, it allows public announcements that a person will both be gone from home between specific dates and where exactly that person will be during those same dates, all in the name of social media connections.

It is this kind of voluntary information-giving that is most concerning to me. It is one thing to have information out there that is fairly "public domain" — in writing for the Collegian, I know my articles, along with my name, will be published online and in print. In attending K-State,

I know my name will be in the student directory as well as on any press releases related to scholarships I earn or awards I receive. That kind of information, while it can help paint a picture of my life, does not truly betray any deeply personal elements of it.

Other information, however, disseminated from websites like vacationrelation.com or even Facebook's own Birthday or Events applications, give specific information about me or where I will be at a given moment, information my parents sometimes don't even know (or happen to forget).

So take a moment and Google yourself this weekend. Don't be wimpy — go all-out stalker on yourself. Could a stranger discover you are part of a horn ensemble traveling to Somewhere, USA, in the near future? Could they find your phone number or address (handy information to have when you will be conveniently out of town)? Can a future employer find your latest tweet or status update talking about how stupid he or she seemed during your interview and how confident you are that you'll get the job?

If "Google You" gives away facts about yourself that "Real You" might keep private, consider keeping them private from cyberspace as well.

Elena Buckner is a junior in secondary education and modern languages. Please send comments to edge@spub.ksu.edu.

New support network to help survivors of traumatic brain injuries

Nancy Peterson
K-State Research and Extension

An accident including a life-changing traumatic brain injury could happen to anyone at any time.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention describes a TBI as a bump, blow, jolt or penetrating head injury. From 2002-2006 in the U.S., the CDC attributed 35.2 percent of TBIs to falls, and 17.3 percent to motor vehicle accidents.

According to the CDC, about 1.7 million people will experience a traumatic brain

injury each year; children between 0 and 4 years old, adolescents between 15 and 19 years old and adults 65 and older are most likely to sustain a TBI, and that illustrates the potential impact for people across the lifespan.

Such injuries are a concern for Kansans, as according to statistics reported by CDC, the state is ahead of the national averages for hospitalizations and fatalities attributed to TBI, said Deb Sellers, a K-State Research and Extension specialist in adult development and aging, who is collaborating with fellow faculty member,

Jane Garcia, to make resources available to injured Kansans, their families and caregivers.

Garcia, a speech and language pathologist and professor of communication sciences and disorders, is well acquainted with the outcome of TBI; she has assisted survivors of TBI and their families in Manhattan and Riley County since 1998.

The common interest in the injury and a shared goal of helping survivors live successfully within their local communities prompted the collaboration between the two educators, Sellers said.

Initially, 28 K-State Research and Extension agents collaborated with community members — TBI survivors, their families, caregivers and human services professionals serving those with TBI — to identify and personally contact TBI-related resources within the local community in the four key areas: 1) community support; 2) treatment and rehabilitation; 3) health related concerns and 4) financial issues.

The agents' efforts serve as the foundation for www.tbiop-tions.ksu.edu, a resource featuring an interactive map with community-based listings of

resources for individuals with TBI, their families and caregivers.

According to Garcia, 100 percent of the 28 Extension agents participating in the initial project recommend participation to other agents and counties.

"Their praise for the project also speaks to its relevance for Kansans," said Garcia, who noted that agents also reported increased understanding of how TBI impacts an individual physically, mentally and emotionally, and potential consequences for survivors, family members and caregivers.

The TBI project was first explored with the help of a K-State Research and Extension grant honoring Katey Walker, a former Extension and public policy specialist who opted to fund scholarships in lieu of a retirement gift, and underwritten by Sellers' and Garcia's successful partnership with Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services, which awarded \$81,000 to fund the educational effort. Efforts to develop a public education program are supported by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, which awarded \$142,850 for the project.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Manhattan area pastors should 'respect thy neighbor,' accept change

I question the motives of the local pastors who printed a full-page letter to the officials of Manhattan in Tuesday's paper. Why would the local pastors find it necessary to publish their letter addressed to a group with no affiliation with the university? What is Awaken Manhattan expecting to do by spreading hate to K-State?

On Tuesday, the city will vote on a discrimination ordinance giving equal rights concerning discrimination and equal opportunity to citizens, by reasons of race, sex, familial status, military status, disability, religion, age, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin or ancestry.

Was a full-page letter really

necessary? There are far more relevant stories to be reporting on around the community. This is a letter that would have done fine stuffed in an envelope and mailed to the people it actually concerns, rather than smeared across an entire page of valuable Collegian space.

Pastors, this does not make me look up to you, nor should it anybody else. What right do you have as "soldiers of God" to turn someone away because you do not agree with their personal beliefs? All the stories I have heard about God make him sound pretty accepting; why would you not act in the same way? You are asking the people who help fund your places of worship to act against something that is for the

greater good of your community. I do understand that if the ordinance passes, you will willingly abide by it's rules, but you clearly will not do it out of the kindness of your heart. Your God's laws go above and beyond what a local government holds in place. What about respecting thy neighbor?

Instead of trying to break people down, how about you learn to accept the ever-changing, ever-growing community of Manhattan. This world is full of enough hate; try to keep it out of the Manhattan community.

And please, don't bother praying for me. I found reason long ago.

Sarah Auten
senior in English

Union should lose 'EPAW' sign

Recently, I have heard numerous complaints about the large sign in front of the parking garage that says "EPAW." Quite frankly, I agree, and the sign needs to go.

The word "man" does not have to mean an adult male. As a society, we have given it that meaning, but by definition, it is a member of "the human race." I feel this

tradition is more important than a few hurt feelings.

Imagine if the University of Kansas changed its name to the Hawks, because the Jayhawkers were a group that often committed crimes. There would be outrage. The mere thought of changing long-standing traditions makes many college basketball fans roll over in their grave.

I'm not asking for the sign to be changed to "EMAW;" they could take it down for all I care. All I'm asking is that we quit bastardizing a tradition that dates back to the early days of K-State basketball in Ahearn Field House.

EMAW.

Ryan Joerger
sophomore in life sciences

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SGA | Removal process of commissioner changed

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compromise and preferred to call it a reasoned decision.

Weston's amendment failed, and Ashton Archer, senator, argued the whole bill should be voted against.

"For only three hours out of several days they will actually be doing community service," Archer said while looking at an online schedule. "I am all for sending students to conferences to learn skills, but not to a big party."

After Archer rose against the bill, its fate grew darker as more and more senators began to change their opinions on it. The bill failed by a vote of 17-28-5.

Senate did pass two other bills that amended the Student Governing Association Bylaws and Statutes. The bills made changes to the SGA elections process, specifically pertaining to the position of Elections Commissioner.

Bill 10/11/29 added a clause to the bylaws that states "The elections commissioner shall be independent of the three principle branches."

A removal process was also added to the bill. By a two-thirds vote of the Senate, the commissioner may be removed from office.

Weston said the removal process should be similar to the process for removing officers and judicial members. In that process, impeached persons may appeal their impeachment.

The removal of the commissioner, however, is by expulsion, the same method for the removal of senators. This removal process does not have an appeals process.

"The commissioner should

have the right to appeal," Weston said.

He also expressed his frustration in the fact that it took all semester for the Senate Operations Committee to bring the bill before Senate.

John Grice, senator, said the reason it took so long was due to lengthy meetings discussing the bill.

"We don't want to sacrifice making a good decision for efficiency," Grice said. "Our ultimate consensus was that we take care of our own; if 62 people come to a consensus it's without bias."

The committee began discussing the bill during their first meeting which was mid-semester, he said. They finished work on the bill last week.

Bill 10/11/30 contained a provision allowing a suspension in the complaint and review timeframe if the commissioner is removed. During this suspension, new complaints cannot be filed and violations cannot be reviewed or appealed. After a new commissioner is approved, the suspension ends.

Danny Unruh, student body president, also gave a report on the SafeRide program. This semester, there has been only one illness on the bus. They have also collected over \$200 in tips from students. The program will be merged with a city-wide transit system upon its completion and Unruh said the program is still on track for that plan.

The Tuition Strategies Committee also had their first meeting this semester, he said. Students should expect a 2 to 5 percent increase in tuition next year. Also, the \$10 per-credit hour fee is likely to rise.

DANCE | Travels inspire high-energy numbers

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The free-form piece was one of several that required some form of interpretation throughout the night, and Pentz said that is one of the aspects she loves about dance.

"That's the cool thing about dance; there are some pieces you know exactly what it's about, and some you have no clue, and some you can make up your own meaning," she said.

Another piece adding culture to the program was a performance of "Gota," a traditional West African dance. The performance included live music played by Dunn, and it showcased the traditional war dance, which is now representative of more celebratory events.

"Intense is the first word. Some people think it's a bit humorous, but it's sharp; it's intense. It's very packed with energy; it's a very high-energy dance," Dunn said.

Dunn and Pentz said they have traveled to Ghana several times in the past few years, and along with the inclusion of the cultural dance into the WinterDance program, it also inspired the two to start up an African dance ensemble.

"I love bringing the ethnic stuff here because I don't think otherwise people would have those opportunities here," Dunn said. "It's just an addition to the community that otherwise wouldn't be here."

There will be several performances of WinterDance this weekend. The event is scheduled for today and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and there will also be a matinee performance at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. All performances will be in Nichols Theatre.



Freshman **Becca Sells** (left) and senior **Nora Shook** perform "Nocturne," a dance featured in the 2010 WinterDance.

Matt Binter Collegian

LIGHTS | Ornaments benefit Homecare and Hospice

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purchased the ornaments in honor of loved ones living, or in memory of those who have passed.

"I think it makes the families feel good to know that the ornaments with the name of their loved one ... are on the tree for the world to see," said Rita Keating, Light of Life committee chair. "People really fear that people will forget about their loved one ... there's a lot of consolation, a lot of comfort in seeing their names there."

Kathy Huntzinger, Manhattan resident, bought two ornaments, one for her mother who died in March and the other for her husband who died last year. Hanging her mother's ornament at the mall meant even more to — she and her mother used to walk there together at this time of year to look at the foundation's trees.

"I always said, 'Mom, don't you think we ought to do one for dad?' and she'd say 'No,'" Huntzinger laughed through her tears.

Although most purchase ornaments to remember those they have lost, ornaments are available for purchase for "anyone that any individual would wish to celebrate," said Chris Nolte, director of development of the foundation.

Some choose to keep the memento for themselves to hang on next year's tree, but Nolte suggested that honoring a special person in your life with an ornament could be a Christmas gift to someone else as well. The foundation can mail a letter to recipients letting them know that they were recognized.

The cutout ornaments, donated by Rinda's Ceramics of Wamego, are available for sale



Names of people who died while in the care of the Homecare and Hospice were written on special ornaments and purchased by their families and hung on Christmas trees in Manhattan Town Center on Thursday night.

Jennifer Heeke Collegian

through the month of December. A dove can be purchased for \$25, a star for \$50 or an angel for \$100. Area businesses can purchase corporate angels

for \$150, \$250 or \$500. The ornaments will hang on the trees for the rest of the holiday season. They can be picked up at the foundation's office after

the first of the year.

The money raised from the fundraiser will go toward the Homecare and Hospice Agency and their mission: "To honor

every moment in life."

The branch of the agency here in Manhattan serves the community with holistic in-home hospice health, support services and, new last year, The Good Shepherd Hospice House, which aims to provide "heart, hearth and home" for terminally ill inpatients and their families during their final weeks of life, Nolte said.

"Everyone of us is going to die sometime, but to die with dignity and the beautiful facility and the wonderful people surrounding it — we just couldn't ask for anything better, anything more," said Manhattan resident Carolyn Dreiling, whose husband received hospice care and ministry before his death last year.

Manhattan resident Stan Tilley purchased an ornament in memory of his wife, Janet, who died this past September, but also in support of Hospice House, which he said treated Janet with dignity, provided beautiful surroundings and gave her decision-making power during her stay. The epitome for him was when Hospice House allowed the baptism of his grandson to take place at the facility, so Janet could witness it even if only through a window. The staff told Tilley, "Just treat this like it were your house."

Remembering those no longer here at the holidays can make them feel closer, Dreiling said.

"The holidays are not the holidays without them — whether they are here in body or in spirit they are still here with us," Dreiling said.

To buy an ornament, call the Homecare and Hospice Foundation at 785-537-0688 or stop by their office at 3801 Vanesta Drive.

WIND | Nearby prairies aid breeze

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incessantly violent.

"Cold and dry air from Canada, hot and dry air from the southwest, and warm, moist air from the Gulf regularly meet in the mid-continent," Miller said.

Thus, wind is an almost constant companion of Midwesterners.

However, according to Michael Lambert, assistant professor of geology, winds have been breaking their typical patterns in the latter part of this year.


"We've had unusually windy weather for this late in the year," Lambert said. "And I think it's because the fronts have been moving back and forth across Kansas."

Lambert contends that if Manhattan were placed a little further north or south, the winds would be less violent.

Miller agreed, and added that the prairies surrounding Manhattan not only aid the wind by presenting little obstruction to its flow, but also cause rapid temperature fluctuations.

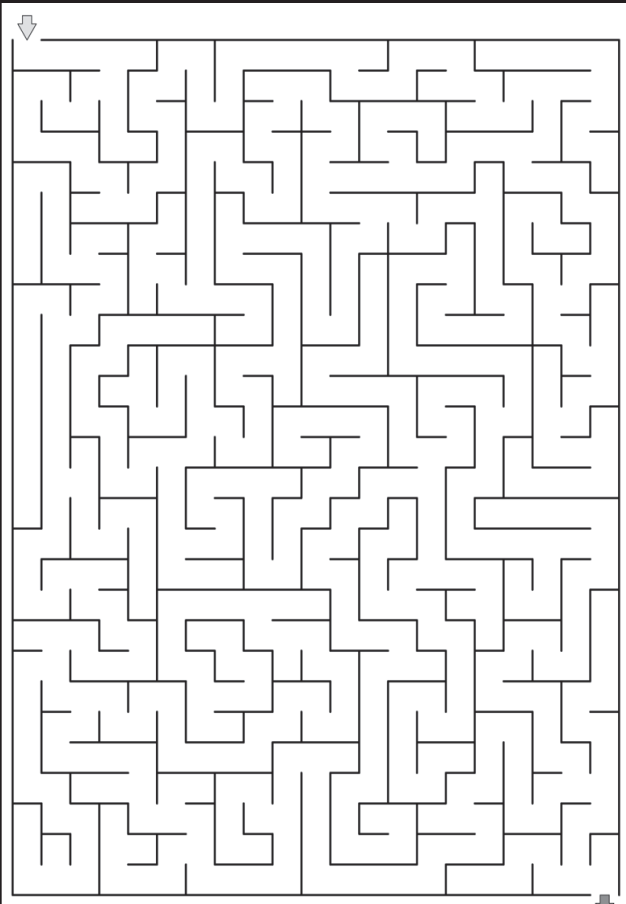
"Being in the center of a continent and far from the influence of the ocean, our temperatures can change very rapidly," Miller said. "Unlike the oceans, land heats up and cools off rapidly. As a result, temperatures can be dramatically different from day to night."

Such rapid changes cause little more than discomfort for residents of the Midwest, and as Littlejohn and her peers have shown, discomfort is something routinely dealt with in Manhattan.



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